

District Judge Tana Lin

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

IKHYAR AHMED HASSAN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00122-TL

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
June 21, 2024

Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until August 19, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act and the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to complete the administrative processing of Plaintiff Abdiraham Mohamed's visa application. There is good cause to stay these proceedings.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, has recently requested additional documentation from Plaintiff Abdiraham Mohamed. Once he has submitted the documentation, the Embassy will review it and continue with processing her application. Because further litigation may not be necessary after the review is completed, the parties agree that holding this case in abeyance through August 19, 2024 is appropriate. Therefore, the parties believe good cause exists for a stay in these proceedings to save the parties and this Court from spending unnecessary time and judicial resources on this matter.

Accordingly, the parties jointly stipulate and request that the Court stay these proceedings through August 19, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before August 19, 2024.

DATED this 21st day of June, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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***I certify that this memorandum contains 266 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.***

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before August 19, 2024. The Order Regarding Initial Disclosures, Joint Status Report, and Early Settlement (Dkt. No. 7) is vacated.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2024.



Tana Lin  
United States District Judge